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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Application Number 10/625,390

Docket Number (Optional)

1135-21RE

For SPINAL NUCLEUS IMPLANT

Art Unit 3738

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Examiner Alvin J. Stewart

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2140. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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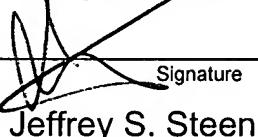
assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

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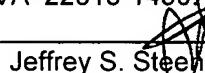
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## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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